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E. G. VOUILLEMONT,
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Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

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(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£1,500,000.
RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DR. POSTS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.
" 6 " 4% "
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Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

G. O. SCOTT,
Acting Manager.
Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND.....\$1,800,000 Dollars.

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On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Office of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, February 15, 1881.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

M. R. NICOLAUS AUGUST SIEBS has this day been admitted a PARTNER in our Firm at Hongkong and in China, and Mr. ALEXANDER WASSERFALD has been authorized to SIGN the Firm for Procuration.

SIEMSSSEN & CO.
Hongkong, January 1, 1881.

NOTICE.

M. R. WILLIAM WALKINSHAW has Resigned from our Firm, and has INVESTED and RESIGNED his half CEASED. The Business will be carried on by his former Partner, viz.—Messrs PHILIPPS BYRNE, EDWARD CAREY SMITH, and ARTHUR WELLESLEY WALKINSHAW.

TURNER & CO.
Hongkong, January 1, 1881.

NOTICE.

FORTY-FIVE TONS of NEW IRON, in Bars, Planks and Squares, will BE SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION, before the Marine Commissioner Board of the Philippines, on the 24th of MARCH next, at Ten O'Clock a.m., in the Arsenal of Cavite.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. MENCARINI,
Consul for Spain.
Hongkong, February 26, 1881.

FOR SALE

BY

PUBLIC AUCTION,

On 31st MARCH Next,

(Unless previously disposed of by Private Contract), the

THREE PLOTS OF

LAND,

Together with the

BUILDINGS THEREON,

Situate in the Foreign Concession at Yokohama, Japan, and

Numbered 34, 35 & 65

On the Register of British Land Renters, in the occupation of Messrs CORNELL & CO.

Particulars to be obtained from
W. H. TAYLOR,
Yokohama; or
RICHARD ASPINALL,
21, Mincing Lane, London.

Feb. 1, 1881.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

ON SATURDAY, the 30th April, 1881, at Noon, will be SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION (not previously disposed of by Private Contract), on board the Steamer, as she now lies in Hongkong Harbour,—

THE PADDLE-WHEEL RIVER STEAMER.

THE "K I N - S H A N."

of 1,331 tons, Register Tons, built in 1853, and extensively overhauled in 1876 and 1878.

Dimensions: Length over all 244 feet, Breadth 33 4-10ths feet, Depth of Hold 8-10ths feet.

DECK AREA FOR PASSENGERS.—11,152 square feet.

CARGO CAPACITY.—Under tonnage deck tons, on main deck 400 tons—700 tons measurement.

SPREAD.—On a working pressure of steam of 20 lbs. per square inch, 12 knots per hour; on full pressure, 15 knots.

DRAFT OF WATER.—Light 6 6-12ths feet, loaded with 700 tons measurement 8 2-12ths feet.

ENGINE.—Vertical Beam Engine, nominal H.P. 150, diameter of cylinder 56in.

Length of stroke 10 feet.

Boilers.—Two Circular Return Flue and Tubular Boilers, constructed in 1873 to sustain a pressure of 40 lbs. to the square inch.

For further Particulars, apply at the Office of the HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on the fall of the hammer; Purchaser to give a guarantee that the Steamer shall not be employed in the Canton waters, nor in the Yangtze-Kiang, nor between Shanghai and Ningpo; the Vessel and Appurtenances, with all faults and errors of description, to be at the Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 25, 1881.

For Sale.

BUSINESS IN MANILA FOR SALE.

THE Proprietor of the principal European TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT in MANILA, (established since 1860, and situated in one of the principal thoroughfares of Manila), wishing to retire, offers his BUSINESS FOR SALE.

Applicants will please address "A. E. C.", Post Restaurant, Manila.

Manila, February 4, 1881.

WASHING BOOKS.
(In English and Chinese.)

WASHING BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now be had at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

Dated the 3rd day of January, 1881.

For Sale.

KELLY & WALSH

HAVE Just RECEIVED

A. B. C. TELEGRAPH CODES.

Audley and Bowes' "Keramic Art of

Japan,"

"Engineer's Guide,"

"Deviation of Compass,"

"Engineering Drawing,"

"Haswell's Pocket Book for 1880,"

"Davis' 'Azimuth Tables,'"

"Yacht Sailing,"

"Naval Architect,"

"Stonehenge on Dogs,"

"Voices Production and Preservation,"

"Post of Complete Works,"

"Burke's 'Oriental Bridges,'"

"Moorsom's 'Japan,'"

"Atlas of America,"

New Engineering and Nautical Works.

Mathematical Instruments.

OLIVE WOOD GOODS.—Consisting of

INKSTANDS, PAPER KNIVES, &c.

A QUANTITY of EXCELLENT PIANO and

VOCAL MUSIC, 25 CENTS EACH.

NEW BIRTHDAY & EASTER CARDS.

Hongkong, February 18, 1881.

For Sale.

KELLY & WALSH

NEW PLAYING CARDS.

AGENTS for "LONDON AND CHINA EXPRESS," for which Subscriptions are Solicited.

"Men of the Time," new edition.

Geikie's "Pre-historic Europe,"

"Handy Book of Villa Architecture,"

St. John's "Wild Coast of Nippon,"

Dr. Kerr's "New Guide to Canton,"

A NEW STOCK of PURSES, CARD CASES, MONET CASES, WRITING CASES, and OTHER LEATHER GOODS.

Postage Stamp ALBUMS.

Edkins' "Chinese Buddhism,"

The New WHITEHALL STATIONERY.

New PLATE & CHINA FRAME.

A large STOCK of NEW PIPES,

CHRISTMAS ANNUALS.

Royal Ulster Linen NOTE PAPER, and

ENVELOPES.

Half-Morocco ALBUMS for unmounted

Photographs.

Hongkong, February 18, 1881.

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE CAPITAL of this Company will be

INCREASED by 2,000 NEW SHARES

of \$125 each, in accordance with the Special

Resolution, passed on the 31st day of

December last. The issue of said Shares

will be made at a Premium of 12 per Cent.

APPLICATIONS for SHARES will be

Received at the REGISTERED OFFICE of the

THE CHINA MAIL.

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For Sale.

WHERE YOU CAN BUY
Superior California LAMB'S WOOL
BLANKETS.

SARATOGA TRUNKS.

TRAVELLING BAGS AND SATCHELS.

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THE AMERICAN BROILER.

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SMOOTHING IRONS.

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MOUSE TRAPS.

BILLIARD CUE TIPS and CHALK.

PANUS CORIUM for BOOTS.

American AXES and HATCHETS.

LIFE BUOYS.

ROCKETS and BLUE LIGHTS.

Douglas' OFFICE CHAIRS.

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WAFFLE IRONS.

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FIRE GRATES.

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S T A T I O N E R Y
FOR LADIES AND OFFICE USE,
the
Best and Cheapest
in
Hongkong.

N E W B O O K S
INSTRUCTIVE AND AMUSING
A
Large Assortment of
FRENCH NOVELS.

T A U C H I T Z ' S
POPULAR EDITION OF STANDARD
W O R K S , &c.

W O R K S O F R E F E R E N C E .
ALMANACKS.
DIARIES.
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R O D G E R ' S CUTLERY.

W A D E
WELEY and SONS' London-made SPORT-
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B U S E T ' S PATENT PNEUMATIC GUN,
SELF-SHOT-EXTRACTING REVOLVERS.
THE PATENT BOTTLE CLIP.
TABLE GLASSWARE.

EARTHENWARE.

T H E FINEST STOCK OF
CAVITE,
FORTIN, and
MEYSIG
CIGARS, and
CHEROOTS.
All Specialty Selected.

E N G L I S H AND AMERICAN
G R O C E R I E S .
FRESH SUPPLIES RECEIVED BY EVERY
MAIL.

S M Y R N A FIGS.
CRYSTALLIZED CHERRIES.
FAIRN'S FAVORITE BISCUITS.
STILTON CHEESE.
FRENCH PLUMS.

Calcutta BEEF.

H U M P S :
R O U N D S .

B R I S K E T S , and
T O N G U E S .

C a l i f o r n i a R O L L B U T T E R .

A P P L E B U T T E R .

O L A M C H O W D E R .

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Soused PIG'S FEET.

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Pickled LAMB'S TONGUES.

Gruyere CHEESE.

New York CREAM CHEESE.

CAVIARE.

Curried OYSTERS.

California CHACKER Co.'s BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.

HOMINY.

PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

RICHARDSON and ROBERT's Potted MEATS.

Lunch TONGUE.

PRESENT TEA in 5 and 10 Catty Boxes.

WINES and SPIRITS of all Descriptions.

SAIL-MAKING exerted on the Premises.

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.

Hongkong, January 28, 1881.

Mails.



MITSU BISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA KOBE.

THE S. S. *MIGATA MARU*, Captain Walker, will be here on or about the 28th instant, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 5th March, at Daylight.

Cargo received on board and Parcels at the Office up to 6 p.m. of 4th February.

No Bill of Lading signed under \$2 Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board before delivery is taken, otherwise they will not be recognized.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

To KOBE, \$60; \$15.
YOKOHAMA, 75; 20.
SHANGHAI via YOKOHAMA, 120; 40.
Kobe, 95; 30.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN CABIN
PASSENGERS.

CARGO and PASSENGERS for Nagasaki will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's OFFICES, No. 60A, Queen's ROAD CENTRAL, Hongkong, February 23, 1881.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE

VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

THE S. S. *GARLIC* will be despatched
at San Francisco via Yokohama, on MONDAY, 7th March, at 3 p.m. Connection being made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan ports.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. of the 6th March.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

A REDUCTION of 25% made on all
RETURN PASSAGE ORDERS ISSUED.

Consular Invoices to accompany Over-
land, Mexican, Central and South American
Cargo, should be sent to the Company's
Offices addressed to the Collector of Customs,
San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

CHAS. H. HASWELL, JR.,
Agent.

Hongkong Agents: LANÉ, CRAWFORD & CO.

February 9, 1881.

DIrections.

A small portion to be poured upon the Head,
and to be rubbed into the roots of the Hair.
No Pomade required.

THE LAOU-TI-KEE HAIR WASH

An unique and elegant
appendage to the Toilet,
combining in itself the
properties of a Hair
Grenso, Wash, and 洋
Restorer.

PREPARED ONLY BY
J. LLEWELLYN & CO.,
Chemists, etc.,
SHANGHAI.

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THE LAOU-TI-KEE HAIR WASH

The Steamship
"China,"
Capt. AGEMANN, will
be despatched for the
above Port TO-MORROW, the 5th Instant,
at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSSSEN & CO.

Hongkong, March 4, 1881.

OCCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR MANILA.

The Co.'s Steamship
"Deuval,"

Captain T. PURDY, will
be despatched on MON-
DAY, the 7th Instant, at 1 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, March 4, 1881.

FOR MANILA.

The Steamship
"Diamante,"

Captain CULLEN, will be
despatched for the above
Port on MONDAY, the 7th Inst., at 4 p.m.,
instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & CO.

Hongkong, March 4, 1881.

FOR HOIHOANG AND PAKHOL.

The Steamship
"Hailong,"

Captain HUNTER, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on TUESDAY, the 8th Instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
Hongkong, March 4, 1881.

OCCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for CHEFOO, NEWCHIANG, TIENSIN, HANKOW and Ports on
the YANGTZE.)

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Commercial Summary.

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THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Saigon and Penang.

The Content and Value of Packages are
required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to
note the terms and conditions of the Com-
pany's Black Bills of Lading.

A. MCIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 24, 1881.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,

ADEN, SUZU, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLE.

Also,

BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND
PORT LOUIS.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

terprise, whilst the labours of the over-crowded Empire would have found in America those means of subsistence which they are unable to obtain in their own land. They would have proved a valuable and efficient "labour-saving machine," willing to do work patiently and thoroughly which the American citizens who have been loudest in abusing the Chinese emigrant either cannot or will not do.

The volume before us is sent forth from the press most opportunely. It will be remembered that the writer was for some years the United States representative at Pekin. He was thus in a position which gave ample opportunities for observing and enquiring into Chinese life and collecting information bearing upon the problems of Chinese emigration. The work is, as one might reasonably expect, full of valuable information and statistics, being nothing more nor less than a painstaking examination of, and enquiry into, the social and economical aspects of the question. Mr Seward freely avows his conviction that there is not only no necessity for action but that any interference would be likely to prove futile and injurious, being at the same time a distinct violation of well-established principles of American national life. The author brings to his task a calm and unprejudiced mind. He endeavours to convince his fellow nationals not only that the number of Chinese actually resident in America is greatly exaggerated, and that there is no reasonable ground for viewing the immigration question with anxiety and unrest, but that on the contrary the Chinese have been of incalculable advantage to the United States, especially in the construction of railroads—the reclamation of swamp lands and other similar works. He tells us that in the State of California the increase in value of property created by Chinese labour, in these two departments of Public Works alone, was \$289,700,000, this vast wealth being enjoyed and owned by Americans and not by Chinamen. Such is the work of 50,000 despised Chinese immigrants. We were astonished to find that, according to figures based upon the census returns, the number of Chinese in the Western States does not reach, much less exceed, 100,000. After a careful perusal of this work one cannot help asking—how is the existence of this spirit of opposition to the Chinese to be accounted for, when they not only live quietly, forming no insconsiderable factor in the economy of labour, but contribute so vastly to the wealth of the State? The question seems to find an answer in the intense conservatism of the Chinese character, which causes them, even when they form communities in foreign lands, to oppose to surrounding influences a passive resistance which isolates them from all sympathy. They become virtually outlaws, despised by the people amongst whom they dwell, unrecognized either by their own Empire or the Government of the country in which they are sojourning.

Mr Seward, in the third Division of his book, shews that Chinese emigration is not a great national movement but is confined to a strictly limited area and is caused by purely local circumstances. We recommend this book to all who are interested in this question; Members of Congress, Senators and others who desire to thoroughly understand the subject, will find much valuable information in this small volume.

We trust that the Statesmen of America will refuse to tarnish the bright honour of their country by consenting to ratify a Treaty which is so opposed to that generous hospitality, the unfailing mark of a great and enlightened nation, which sought to ouvre the liberality of other nations by offering to all-comers, who would toil for it, the immense wealth of her soil.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL"]
(Per E. A. & C. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

GENERAL ROBERTS SUCCEEDS GENERAL COLLEY—FURTHER REINFORCEMENTS BEING SENT TO THE TRANSVAAL.

LONDON, March 2.

General Roberts has been appointed to succeed General Colley, and further reinforcements are being sent to the Transvaal.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The delivery of the English mail was begun at 0.50 this afternoon.

A MAIL will leave Singapore for Bangkok at 4 p.m. to-morrow.

H.M.S. "Magpie" arrived here to-day from Foochow.

Mr Justice Snowdon sat in Summary Jurisdiction for a few hours to-day, but there were no cases heard of public interest.

To-day will be celebrated at Washington the inauguration of the new President of the United States—General Garfield.

We are desired to give notice that the Full Court will sit to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, to deliver judgment in the Ban Hoop Opium case.

A PARADE and inspection of the Government and Volunteer Fire Brigades will take place at 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday next, the 8th instant. Assembly at the Central Fire Brigade Station.

We are informed by the Agents (Messrs Butterfield & Swire), that the O. S. S. Co.'s steamer "Assumption," from Liverpool, left Singapore yesterday forenoon for this port via Shanghai; and the "Teucer" is to leave to-day, on the same route.

C. M. S. N. Co.'s steamer "Hoosier," will leave here for England to-morrow (Sunday), taking Captain Johnson and a business Commander, with a crew of about

two hundred men, to bring out a new iron-clad that is being built at home for the Chinese Government.

Yours, &c., J. S. VICTORIA.
St. Paul's College,
Hongkong, March 4, 1881.

SUPREME COURT.
IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Lordship the Chief Justice,
Sir John Smale.)

Friday, Mar. 4.

CHARGE OF MURDER; KILLING A MAN WITH
A BILLET OF FIREWOOD.

Li Atong was charged with feloniously, wilfully and of malice aforethought having killed and murdered one Mak Chow Young on the 16th January last.

The prisoner pleaded that the killing was accidental.

This was accepted as a plea of not guilty. The Attorney General (Hon. E. L. O'Malley) instructed by the Crown Solicitor (Mr E. Sharp), prosecuted; and Mr E. MacLean, instructed by Mr Denys, defended the prisoner.

The following was the jury in whose charge the prisoner was placed:—Messrs T. S. Nezer, J. R. White, G. L. Gorham, F. H. Shagley, C. F. Grossmann, H. C. MacLean, and W. Poate.

Messrs E. C. Cottell, J. C. Hughes, W. Brewer, and R. Shorberger were called, but failed to answer to their names. It afterwards transpired that Admiral Ting and Captain Clayton left for Europe some time ago. A telegram was received announcing their safe arrival in London. The former has telephoned out for a Chinese Major named Tang to proceed to Europe. On his arrival, he will be entrusted with the command of one of the new gun-boats which the Chinese government has bought in England. This expects to be in Peking again in about six months' time.

Owing to the flags of the steamer "Merionethshire" being at half-mast to-day (25th), a report was circulated that a murder had been committed on board. We are glad to be able to contradict this.

The flags were lowered out of respect to the chief engineer of the vessel, Mr Hindmarsh, who died in Hospital at two o'clock this morning.

The "Hawkin" leaves for England either to-morrow (26th) or early on Sunday morning, with 252 officers and men to man the gunboats lately acquired by the Chinese Government. A review was held at Woolwich to-day, and the "Knotting" conveyed to-day, and the "Knotting" conveyed to Woolwich, both being half past four.

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The CHINA REVIEW, or Notes and Queries on the Far East, is issued at intervals of two months, each number containing about 60 octavo pages, occasionally illustrated with lithographs, photographs, woodcuts, &c., should the papers published demand, and the circulation justify, such extra matter.

The subscription is fixed at \$6.50 postage paid per annum, payable by non-residents in Hongkong half-yearly in advance.

The publication includes papers original and selected upon the Arts and Sciences, Ethnology, Finance, Geography, History, Literature, Medicine, Meteorology and Customs, Natural History, Religion, &c., &c., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, the Eastern Archipelago, and the "Far East" generally. A more detailed list of subjects upon which contributions are especially invited is incorporated with each number. Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, French, German, Spanish, Italian or Portuguese, are admissible. Endeavours are made to present a resume in each number of the contents of the most recent works bearing on Chinese matters. Great attention is also paid to the Review department.

Notes and Replies are classified together as "Notes" (head references being given, when furnished, to previous Notes or Queries), are also those queries which though seeking for information, furnish new or unpublished details concerning the matter in hand. It is desirable to make the Queries as brief and as much to the point as possible.

The China Review for July and August, 1876, is at hand. It says that forty-three essays were sent in compete for the best paper on the advantages of Christianity for the development of a State. All our learned societies still subscribe to this scholarly and enterprising Review. It is a sixty-page monthly repository of what scholars are ascertaining about China. The lecture on Chinese Poetry in this volume is alone worth the price of the *Literary Address*. China Review, Hongkong.—Northern Christian Advocate (U.S.)

Trübner's Oriental Record contains the following notice of the China Review:—"This is the title of a publication, the first number of which has lately reached us from Hongkong, where it has been set on foot as in some respects a continuation of *Notes and Queries on China and Japan*, the extinction of which useful serial a year or two ago has been 'much regretted' in Europe as well as in China. This publication, judging by the number now before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by the *Calcutta Review*. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stored information, rendering some additional serial publication, if now required, extremely desirable. It is to be hoped that from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now judiciously cultivated, and who are severally represented in the first number of the *Review* by papers highly creditable to their respective authors. In a paper on Dr. Legge's *Shi King*, by the Rev. E. J. Eitel, to which the place of honour is deservedly given, an excellent summary is presented of the chronological problems and arguments involved in connexion with this important work. Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese poet-statesman of the eleventh century, Su Tung-po, by Mr. E. C. Bowra, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the *Review*, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that "Notes" and "Queries" are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects will evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed in the field, and that the China Review may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance. The publication is intended to appear every two months, and will form a substantial octavo magazine."

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